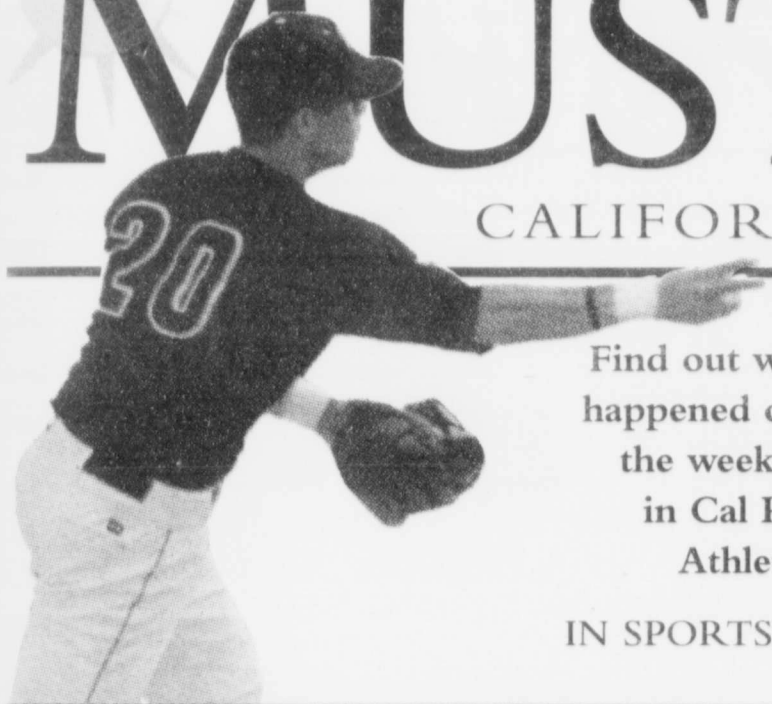


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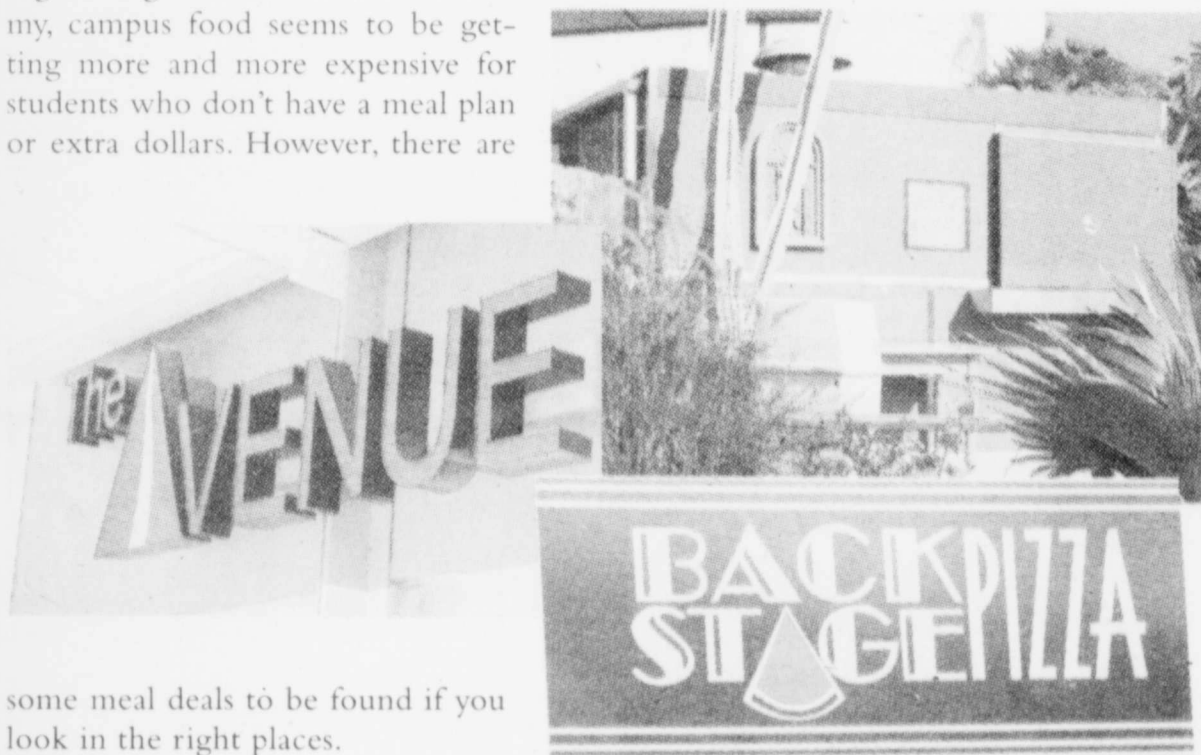
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Students with erratic schedules and long days of class can find themselves stuck on campus with a tight wallet and a growling stomach. In this economy, campus food seems to be getting more and more expensive for students who don't have a meal plan or extra dollars. However, there are

plenty of snacks that can hold over an empty stomach for a two-hour class and the ride home.

THE CHICKEN

Tapango's in The Avenue offers a clas-



some meal deals to be found if you look in the right places.

THE BREAKFAST WRAP

If you wake up late for that 8 a.m. class and have no time to eat breakfast, Tacos To-Go between Dexter Lawn and the Kennedy Library has a breakfast wrap for \$3.79 that is served until 10 a.m.

THE TACOS

Even at under four dollars, the breakfast wrap is more expensive than most of the items on the regular menu. During the day, Tacos To-Go offers street tacos for \$1.29, as well as bean and cheese burritos or a bean and rice bowl for 99 cents each.

On the other side of campus there are

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The Avenue offers the most variety of meals and deals, while Backstage Pizza has special happy hour savings.

sic burrito for \$1.99, and it's a filling meal. At the Chick-Fil-A stand, one can either get crosscut fries for \$1.49 or eight pieces of chicken for \$2.99.

THE VEGETABLE WRAP

The Green Street at The Avenue has a vegetable wrap for \$1.99.

"(They offer) a lot of variety, a lot of

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Cal Poly alumnus comes back to earth

KRISTEN HAYS MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly alumnus Greg Chamitoff, recently returned from a stay on the International Space station, spoke on campus about his experience Friday. The 1984 Cal Poly graduate served a six month tour on the station with two Russian cosmonauts, conducting experiments to study the effects of long term space travel on the human body.

Caution advised as Calif. fire evacuations lifted

Amy Taxin
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SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Thanks to a dramatic change in the weather, residents have begun returning home to areas that had been threatened by a devastating wildfire — but they've been told to remain alert in case conditions worsen again.

The blaze that charred an area of more than 13 square miles was 40 percent contained late Saturday after a blanket of cool, moist air flowed in from the Pacific Ocean, keeping a dry wind from the interior from stoking the flames again.

Fire officials said the blaze destroyed 31 homes and two detached garages, and damaged 47 other home, saying an earlier estimate that

80 buildings were destroyed was incorrect.

Cheers erupted at an evacuation center when Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown announced Saturday that mandatory evacuation orders for most areas were being downgraded to evacuation warnings, meaning residents could return but would have to remain alert.

"It's easy on a day like today to look around and go 'Wow, you know, we've got this thing beat,'" Joe Waterman, the overall fire commander from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, said Saturday evening. "We don't have this thing beat yet."

Water-dropping helicopters continued to shuttle between reservoirs and hot spots but flames were not apparent and the huge plumes of

smoke that loomed over the city for days had vanished.

The blaze isn't expected to be fully contained until Wednesday.

Among the first to return were Jonathan Kenny, 44, and his wife, Susan Kim, 42, who found their home covered in ash but still standing near blackened hillsides.

"I feel like we dodged a bullet on this one," said Kenny, who watered plants and fed goldfish in a backyard pond.

But a short distance away up a narrow canyon road, homes were gutted and cars were burned-out wrecks.

More than 30,000 people had been under mandatory evacuation orders since the fire erupted Tuesday

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Jesuita wildfire evacuee Nick Nichols, right, of Santa Barbara, rolls up bedding at the evacuation center at University of California, Santa Barbara in Goleta, Calif. Saturday.

Catholic political divide over Obama at Notre Dame

Beth Fouhy
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — A campaign by outraged Roman Catholics to keep President Barack Obama from delivering the commencement address at Notre Dame shows that the gulf between the church and backers of abortion rights remains deep.

Yet the effort to get the school to rescind its invitation to Obama also highlights a political disconnect between the conservative Catholic hierarchy and millions of U.S. Catholic voters.

Since the White House announced in March that Obama had accepted Notre Dame's invitation to speak May 17, more than 358,000 people have signed an online petition demanding that the university take back the offer. The Cardinal Newman Society, an advocacy group for Catholic colleges that circulated the position, said the invitation violated a 2004 bishops' mandate that stated, "The Catholic community and Catholic institutions should not hon-



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In this May 1 file photograph, President Barack Obama arrives for a ceremony in the East Room of the White House.

or those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles."

One Catholic leader, Archbishop Raymond Burke, accused Obama of pushing an anti-life, anti-family agen-

da. Burke, the first American to lead the Vatican supreme court, said Friday it was "a scandal" that Notre Dame had invited Obama to speak.

Catholic activists and bishops have

been outspoken in their criticism of Obama. By comparison, they had only occasional disagreements with President George W. Bush, primarily over the U.S. invasion of Iraq, which the Vatican condemned but many conservative Catholics supported.

They cite his support for abortion rights and embryonic stem cell research, and his repeal of a policy that denied federal dollars to international relief organizations that provide abortions or abortion-related information. They remain angry with Obama's support for legislation that would prohibit state and local governments from interfering with a woman's right to obtain an abortion.

Obama also has been criticized by Catholics and other opponents of legal abortion for telling Pastor Rick Warren at a campaign forum last summer that the question of when life begins was "above my pay grade."

Yet polling and other evidence shows that Catholic voters have a largely positive view of the president, closely tracking other national polling. Obama's standing is more evidence that U.S. Catholics don't always follow the Church hierarchy, whether on issues such as abortion and contraception or political preferences. Also, the president's community service background and his opposition to the Iraq war appeal to some Catholics.

As a candidate, Obama worked

hard to woo Catholic voters. He chose an observant Catholic, Joe Biden, as his running mate, and Biden campaigned hard for the ticket in states like Pennsylvania and Ohio, which have large Catholic communities. But Biden also supports abortion rights, putting him at odds with the bishops and many conservative Catholics.

Obama is also widely popular among Hispanics, a fast-growing Catholic population in the U.S.

Patrick Whelan, a physician at Harvard Medical School and president of Catholic Democrats, said that by taking such a hard line against Obama, bishops and other conservative leaders risked driving Catholics away from the church rather than cool their support for the president.

"There are unintended consequences to this kind of angry, vituperative language about their opponents," Whelan said. "By making themselves pawns of the conservative right, the bishops are playing into a cycle of decline for our church."

Notre Dame students are generally enthusiastic about Obama's impending visit to their northern Indiana campus. He won about 57 percent of the students' vote in a mock election in October, compared with 41 percent for Republican John McCain, an abortion rights opponent.

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selection," said English sophomore Mackenzie Qualey of The Avenue.

THE CHILI-CHEESE FRIES

If it's early in the morning you can get two eggs cooked any way you like for \$1.75 at Slyder's. The best-kept secret on the Slyder's menu are the chili-cheese fries. For \$3.25 you get a meal that will keep you more than satisfied until the next mealtime.

THE ICE CREAM

For students who have long breaks but can't go home on those hot days, the soft serve ice cream from The Avenue is a way to cool down. Add any of the array of toppings on a decent serving size of ice cream that costs about \$3.

THE HAPPY HOUR

The best deal on campus in terms of a full meal occurs during the 3-5 p.m. Happy Hour at Backstage Pizza. This means that two slices of pizza and a drink only cost \$5.

One item on the Backstage menu that is relatively unknown yet delicious is the cinna-twists. For \$3 you can enjoy tasty long strips of baked dough covered in sugar and cinnamon.

"I usually eat at Backstage ... because I don't really eat that much when I eat on campus," said business administration sophomore Nate Cook. "It's just like I need to sustain (myself) until I get home, and it's cheap."

Fire

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just above Santa Barbara on the face of the steep Santa Ynez Mountains. An additional 23,000 had been on evacuation standby.

By Saturday evening, well over half of the those residents were back in their homes, Santa Barbara County sheriff's Commander Darin Fotheringham said.

The fire was driving into outlying residential areas Wednesday by the notorious local wind known as the "sundowner," which sweeps from inland and down the face of the mountains late in the day. The wind returned and fanned the flames again late Thursday and into early

Friday.

After that gusty onslaught, the fire was active along a five-mile-long front Friday just above Santa Barbara, west toward neighboring Goleta and east toward the community of Montecito.

However, the sundowner failed to materialize Friday night, and instead the normal flow of air from the Pacific Ocean delivered a dense, moist marine layer that didn't let the sun peek through until nearly midday.

On Saturday, the National Weather Service dropped fire weather warnings and predicted that overnight clouds and fog would continue through Monday morning, before a return of a weak-to-moderate sundowners in the Santa Ynez range Monday night and into midweek.

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Chemo patients forced to travel or pay more for care



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Colleen Hauser smiles at her son Danny Hauser, 13, as they head to their car after a day in court, Friday, in New Ulm, Minn. Hauser, a 13-year-old boy who is resisting chemotherapy for cancer will likely die without the treatment, his doctor and other physicians testified Friday.

Scott Sonner
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Erica Schneider lives about 15 minutes from a Reno hospital where her doctors visit regularly from California to provide chemotherapy treatments to children like her — a 5-year-old girl with leukemia.

But unless her parents come up

with more money or their insurance company relents, she'll likely have to continue to travel more than 400 miles roundtrip on a weekly basis for up to two years to receive the same treatments in Oakland, Calif.

Sound crazy? Her parents, Paul and Yvette Schneider, think so.

So do the two widely respected oncologists treating her, a state insur-

ance examiner, the governor's office and the majority leader of the U.S. Senate.

But so far, their appeals for a compassionate waiver have failed to stir any sympathy at the Government Employees Health Association, a Missouri-based insurance provider for federal workers.

"As it stands, GEHA is forcing our 5-year-old who is sick with cancer to travel nearly 500 miles from Reno to Oakland and back every week for uncomfortable treatments that could be administered by the very same doctors 12 miles from our house," Yvette Schneider said in an interview.

Drs. Robert Rafael and Joseph Torkildson are based at the Children's Hospital & Research Center in Oakland but travel to Renown Medical Center in Reno a day or two each week to provide such treatment to a number of children.

That includes patients whose insurance companies' in-network policy dictates that, in normal cases, they receive treatment at the other major hospital in Reno, Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center.

However, the doctors and officials at both hospitals say that in most cases like this, other insurance companies

grant temporary waivers to provide the treatment at Renown because Saint Mary's doesn't have an intensive care unit for pediatric cancer patients.

GEHA, on the other hand, continues to demand that in order for the Schneiders to receive in-network coverage capped at \$5,000 a year, they must travel to an in-network facility such as the one in Oakland.

Jane Overton, GEHA's vice president for claims, said she doesn't believe the company is being unreasonable because the Schneiders are welcome to choose any hospital they want if they pay the out-of-network rate capped at \$7,000 annually.

"We are fortunate she has our coverage," Overton said on Friday from the company's headquarters in Independence, Mo.

"Her costs (for treatment) will be hundreds of thousands of dollars," she told AP. "Proportionately, to pay that extra amount may or may not be reasonable" depending on one's point of view.

Yvette Schneider, whose husband Paul works for the Federal Highway Administration in Carson City, said the family can't afford to pay any more and will have no choice but to

continue to make the weekly trips to Oakland. And, she said, there's no guarantee the treatment will end in two years.

She said the company's stonewalling is adding to the "physical, emotional and financial stress" of dealing with the illness of their young child.

"It's crazy," Schneider said after 12 hours of traveling and treatment earlier this week.

"The money we already have to pay out of pocket is already more than we can afford. Saying that it is only \$2,000 a year more — it might as well be \$200,000 a year more. It's already more than we have."

Rafael said he is "furious about the whole situation."

Torkildson said it's the first time they've met so much resistance to securing authorization to treat a patient who lives in Reno.

"To force a family to drive four hours a week to Oakland for therapy that she could get just down the road from their home seems absolutely atrocious," he said.

Connie Goes, a nurse practitioner who works with the two doctors in Oakland and makes the trip to Reno once a week, said it is the first time

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Black colleges will fight cut to federal program

Justin Pope
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leaders of historically black colleges say they'll fight a reduction in a federal program they call a financial lifeline at a time of economic distress for the schools and their students.

President Barack Obama's education budget, unveiled Thursday, included major spending increases in many areas — but didn't include an extra \$85 million that black institutions have received annually for the past two years thanks to a 2007 change to the student loan laws.

That two-year-old program provided direct funds to federally recognized HBCUs — historically black colleges and universities.

Other direct federal support to the schools would increase from \$238 million to \$250 million, but with the expiration of the HBCU fund the schools effectively would see a \$73 million cut.

A program supporting Native American tribal colleges would also see decreased funding, while one for institutions serving large numbers of Hispanic students would see an increase from \$93 million to \$98 million.

Education Department officials emphasized that all such institutions stand to gain from other parts of the budget, notably the proposed increase in the maximum Pell Grant for low-income students by \$200 — to \$5,550.

Still, the move could suggest that even as the administration pushes big education spending increases focused on low-income and minority students, direct support for institutions isn't the most favored method. The

HBCU program is unusual; most federal help for higher education goes to students, and thus only indirectly to schools.

"The administration is definitely committed to strengthening HBCUs and other colleges and universities that serve minority populations," said Carmel Martin, assistant secretary of education, on a press conference call Thursday. "And one of the best ways we can do that is by supporting our students."

The historically black colleges and universities have been hit particularly hard by the recession, and HBCU leaders said this is no time to cut back on programs offering direct support to institutions that play an outsized role educating the neediest students.

The 105 federally recognized HBCUs make up just 3 percent of U.S. colleges but account for nearly 20 percent of undergraduate degrees awarded to blacks, according to UNCF, the United Negro College Fund. However, some have struggled with low graduation rates. An AP analysis earlier this year found that, overall, black students at four-year HBCUs have lower graduation rates than black students at other schools.

HBCUs have about 132,000 students receiving Pell grants, according to an Associated Press analysis of federal figures collected by the nonprofit group The Education Trust. Even if all got the maximum \$200 Pell Grant increase, that would provide HBCUs new revenue totaling only about one-third of the funding cut outlined in the budget.

"We believe it is in the best interest of our country to ensure that (HBCUs) are strong," said John

Donohue, UNCF's executive vice president for development.

Donohue said the federal program was responsible for important college readiness efforts at Dillard University in New Orleans, where he previously worked.

Sen. Richard Burr, a Republican from North Carolina — home to 11 HBCUs — questioned the administration's priorities, considering its decision to spare \$9 million in funding for whaling history museums.

Education Department officials said the additional \$85 million the HBCU program enjoyed the last two years was temporary and that HBCUs shouldn't have counted on it continuing.

Lezli Baskerville, president and CEO the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, a group representing predominantly black colleges, said giving money directly to the colleges is justified considering "the nation's sorry history of support for HBCUs." She noted government provided more support favoring other kinds of institutions, like research universities.

Ultimately, higher education officials believe Congress won't let the funding decline. Terry Hartle, senior vice president of the American Council on Education, said HBCUs have strong support in both parties and both houses of Congress.

"To see the federal support decline significantly would have a real, substantial impact on the institutions right away," Hartle said. "A lot of the philanthropic support is not as available as it was two years ago. They can't raise tuition."

Even the administration sounded like it expected Congress to step in.

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Sri Lanka artillery barrage kills at least 378, doctor says

Krishan Francis

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The bodies were laid out in haphazard rows in the mud waiting to be buried. Some were covered with mats or sheets, photographs showed. One young boy was stripped to his waist, his head wrapped in a bloody bandage.

They were among at least 378 civilians killed in an overnight artillery barrage in Sri Lanka's war zone, according to a government doctor, in what was the bloodiest attack on noncombatants since the civil war flared more than three years ago. The U.N. said more than 100 of the dead were children.

A rebel-linked Web site blamed the attack on the government, while the military accused the beleaguered Tamil Tigers of shelling their own territory to gain international sympathy and force a cease-fire.

Health officials said a makeshift hospital in the war zone was overwhelmed by casualties, and the death toll was expected to rise.

The first shells slammed into the tiny strip of rebel-controlled area along the northeast coast Saturday evening, soon after a Red Cross ship that had been evacuating wounded civilians left the area, health officials said.

About 50,000 civilians are crowded into the 2.4 mile- (4 kilometer) long strip of coast along with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam fighters, who have been fighting for 25 years for a homeland for minority Tamils.

Artillery pounded the area throughout the night, forcing thousands to huddle in makeshift bunkers, said Dr. V. Shanmugarajah, a health official in the region.

Hours after the attack, the dead and wounded continued to pour into the hospital, he said. As of Sunday afternoon, the bodies of 378 civilians had been brought in and were being buried by volunteers, but the death toll was likely far higher since many families buried their slain relatives where they fell, he said.

The rebel-linked TamilNet Web site said rescue workers had counted 1,200 civilians killed in the attack. Among the dead, was the rebels' military spokesman Rasiah Ilanthi-



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Sri Lankan ethnic Tamil victims of a shell attack wait outside a makeshift hospital in Tiger controlled No Fire Zone in Mullivaaykaal, Sri Lanka, Sunday.

rayan, according to TamilNet.

The hospital was struggling to cope with the 1,122 wounded civilians.

The government had recently sent medical supplies, but a shortage of physicians, nurses and aides made treatment difficult, Shanmugarajah said.

"We are doing the first aid and some surgeries as quickly as we can. We are doing what is possible. The situation is overwhelming; nothing is within our control," he said.

More than half the hospital staff did not turn up for work because their homes were attacked and many of the wounded went untreated for more than 24 hours, said another health official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

The shelling had subsided early Sunday, but a new bombardment began about 6 p.m., the official said.

Suresh Premachandran, an ethnic Tamil lawmaker, said the assault was the deadliest attack on civilians since the 1983 anti-Tamil riots that killed as many as 2,000 people and helped trigger the civil war.

Biden to grads: You have chance to shape history

William Kates

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Vice President Joe Biden told more than 3,000 college graduates that they are at a watershed moment with a chance to shape history that few generations ever encounter.

He urged them during a commencement address Sunday to imagine a better world, and then get involved and help make improvements.

"There is a much greater risk in accepting a situation we know we cannot sustain than in steeling our spine and embracing the challenge of change," Biden said to students from Syracuse University and the State University of New York's College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

"It is totally within your power to shape history. ... This has been the journey of America since its inception," said Biden, a 1968 graduate of Syracuse's law school, speaking to more than 19,000 people in the Carrier Dome.

Biden recalled how he, too, faced anxiety and uncertainty when graduating from college in the mid-1960s.

The country was conflicted over the Vietnam War, the public's faith in its elected officials was waning, race riots were tearing apart America and two of its most promising leaders — Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy — were assassinated.

"All over this great country, a sense of hopelessness and helplessness began to take hold," Biden said.

"But as I walked across that stage, I never doubted for one instant that we could change that history, that we could rewrite the outcome we were careening toward, and we did," he said.

"It's 2009. Now it's your turn. You are graduating into a world of anxiety and uncertainty ...," said Biden, pointing to a troubled economy, two wars and a planet in environmental peril.

"These are the challenges you face. But these are the moments you can embrace. Throughout the span of history, only a handful of us ever get a chance to actually shape the course of history," said the vice president, who received several standing ovations.

Biden noted that change already is coming, singling out the election of the nation's first African-American president. Barack Obama's election has renewed his optimism, the vice president said. He told graduates their generation already has shown its commitment by increasing volunteerism in social, civic and community groups.

"For those who tell you you are doing too much, be smart enough to ignore them. For those who say what we dream can't be done, be naive enough to give it a shot. For those who say now is not the time, say 'if not now, when?'" Biden said.

National Guard troops helping flood victims in W. Va.



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Flood-damaged mobile homes lean into Gilbert Creek in Gilbert, W.Va. on Sunday, May. Weekend flooding destroyed at least 300 buildings, knocked out power and caused mudslides.

Brian Farkas

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GILBERT, W.Va. (AP) — The National Guard is helping residents in West Virginia's southern coalfields recover from weekend flooding that destroyed at least 300 buildings, knocked out power and caused mudslides that flushed trash, debris and at least one mobile home downstream.

Gov. Joe Manchin toured the region and activated 300 Guard troops Sunday on top of the 30 he called up a day before when he declared a state of emergency for six coun-

ties, said Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management spokesman Robert Jelacic.

Emergency crews, residents and business owners — some covered in mud — assessed the damage in Gilbert and used shovels to clean up after downpours dumped several inches of rain Friday and Saturday. On the road leading to the town of about 400 people, a mobile home broke loose Saturday and floated a quarter-mile before it was split in half by a poplar tree.

"I will never feel safe here again anytime it rains," said resident Jo Johnson.

"It was floating down the street like someone was driving it," said her husband, Milton Johnson, who was laid off last week from Massey Energy's Superior surface mine.

Now, this.

Johnson, 56, said he was awakened about 2:15 a.m. Saturday and within an hour, the couple and his 79-year-old mother, whose trailer next door was uprooted by rushing floodwaters, were forced to seek shelter on a nearby hillside. Johnson, whose home has flood insurance, said he's lived in Gilbert his entire life and this is the first time he's been flooded.

No injuries have been reported and seven miners trapped underground because of high water were able to walk out of the Mountaineer Alma mine near Wharnccliffe on Sunday morning, Jelacic said.

The road in front of Gilbert Furniture was stacked high Sunday with lounge chairs, couches and refrigerators. Nineteen years ago, the store's former location next door was flooded by nearby Gilbert Creek. The new building was built 3 feet higher.

It didn't matter.

The force of the floodwaters "blew the doors off their hinges," said Ricky Hatfield, who has worked 30 years at the store his parents own.

The high water mark is 2 feet up the wall and the store's mud-stained contents are a total loss. But Hatfield said the family had flood insurance and plans to rebuild the store that has been around for 65 years because business has been good.

Over at Tattoo Joe's, owner Joe Hinkle didn't have flood insurance for the business he's run for seven years.

"I can't salvage anything at all," Hinkle said. "It breaks your heart, you know? You work for years and in one night, it's gone."

Gilbert Mayor Vivian Livingood estimated 80 percent of the town's businesses were affected by high water. Donations of money, supplies and food were pouring into the town, Livingood said.

She said residents were advised to boil their tap water first before drinking because mud got into the water system, although the water plant is working.

Boone, Logan, McDowell, Mingo, Raleigh and Wyoming counties were under the state of emergency. Assessments show Mingo County was the hardest hit by flooding, with about 300 structures destroyed, 1,000 with major damage and 2,000 with minor damage. Wyoming County had 150 structures with major damage.

The National Weather Service in Charleston predicted a 20 percent chance of rain into Monday.

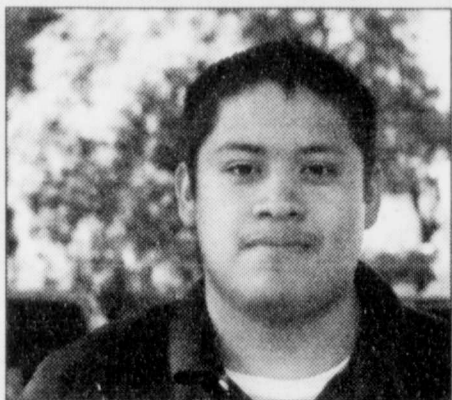
In the Midwest, about 88,000 customers in Illinois and Missouri were still without electricity, days after a wave of deadly storms socked the region. Ameren electric said Sunday evening that 40,200 of its customers remained without power in Illinois, down from the some 68,000 immediately after Friday's storm.

The storms were blamed for at least seven deaths in Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky and Kansas. Governors of Kentucky, West Virginia and Illinois declared emergencies or disasters in several counties.

More than 15,000 customers in eastern Kentucky had no water because lines were broken or washed away and almost 6,000 had no power.

WORD ON THE STREET

"What are your money saving tricks for buying on-campus food?"

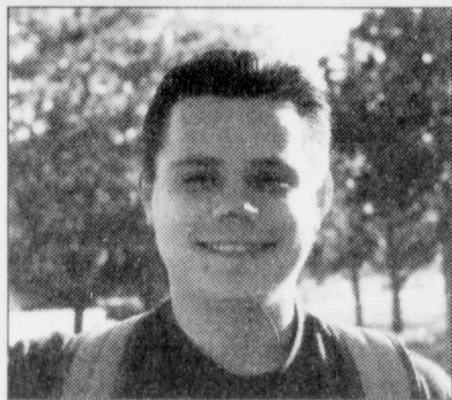


"I don't have any. It's too expensive. I would (but) it's just too high of prices. That's it."

-Sergio Ramirez,
construction management
freshman

"Bring part of your meal with you and buy something else to drink or any perishables you need (on-campus)."

-Jesus Diaz,
mechanical engineering
senior



"I'm a freshman so I have a meal plan. If I have to go shopping I get snacks that way when I have to get a meal on campus I buy a small meal."

-Cristina Campos,
environmental management and
protection freshman



"I live at home so I save money that way. I usually just buy tea by the box to save money."

-Melissa Anderson,
general engineering senior



State Briefs

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The last captured member of the Symbionese Liberation Army, the radical 1970s-era group notorious for bank robberies, killings and the kidnapping of Patricia Hearst, was released from a California prison Sunday morning.

James William Kilgore was paroled from High Desert State Prison in northeastern California after serving a six-year sentence for the murder of suburban Sacramento housewife Myrna Opsahl during an April 1975 bank robbery. State Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation spokesman Oscar Hidalgo said Kilgore was met by his wife after parole agents picked him up at the Susanville prison and processed him there.

That allowed the couple to travel directly to their home in Illinois, rather than have Kilgore wait to check in Monday with a parole agent in Sacramento before leaving the state. He now has two weeks to report to Illinois parole officials.

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GREENFIELD, Calif. (AP) — A man who police say gave his 14-year-old daughter for marriage in exchange for cash, alcohol and food has been sentenced to a year in jail.

Marcelino Martinez had faced multiple charges, including procuring a child for sex, aiding and abetting statutory rape. His sentencing Thursday followed a plea deal that reduced the charges to just child endangerment. Prosecutors say Martinez asked the 18-year-old suitor to pay a dowry — \$16,000 cash, drinks and meat for the wedding party. Martinez denies he ever agreed to the marriage.

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OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Thousands attended a fundraiser expected to raise more than \$200,000 for the families of four Oakland police officers slain in the line of duty.

Oakland police Sgt. Dom Arotzarena says the OPD Fallen Heroes fundraiser on Saturday was also meant to lift the department's morale by showing that people have them in "their minds and in their hearts." About 3,000 people — including some who came from as far away as Baltimore and Philadelphia — ate barbecue and listened to live music as they honored the fallen officers.

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they have been unable to reach an agreement with any insurance company who is contracted with Saint Mary's.

"The bottom line is this is a little child with leukemia and there is not a pediatric oncology program in northern Nevada outside what we travel to Reno to provide," Goes said.

Goes said when she spoke with GEHA officials, the only explanation they would provide was that Renown is not in their network.

"They were very short, very blunt. I get very frustrated with these people," she said.

Torkildson said his experience has been that Renown will negotiate a temporary contract in good faith and offer a rate equal, or similar, to the rate offered at St. Mary's.

"But this company (GEHA), for whatever reason, doesn't seem to want to open that dialogue," he said.

Don Butterfield, communications director for Renown Health, confirmed the situation is unusual.

"Renown routinely cooperates with nonparticipating insurers to provide local health care that benefits both patient and family," Butterfield said.

"Usually, when an insurer recognizes a clinical gap in their network, they promptly authorize care at Renown, even if your providers are outside of their network," he said.

Shannon Reynolds, GEHA's network manager, said the preferred provider organization GEHA contracts with in the Reno market — the Universal Health Network

— has been unable to come to an agreement with Renown that would bring it into GEHA's network.

"It appears that the hospital isn't quite in the quality quadrant that UHN would like to contract with," Reynolds said Friday. "Not to say Renown is not quality ... but we believe there is very high quality at the hospital in Oakland."

Overton also acknowledged there's been some confusion over the Schneiders' coverage because a customer service representative mistakenly gave one of their doctors the impression there wouldn't be any coverage if they went out of network.

"That was inaccurate. We regret any misunderstanding," she said.

The Schneiders have asked for help in letters to Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., and the Nevada Division of Insurance, among others.

Reid spokesman Jon Summers confirmed the Senate majority leader's office is looking into the matter but said he couldn't discuss it further publicly.

Van Mouradian, chief insurance examiner for the Nevada Division of Insurance's Life and Health Section, said the state doesn't have any legal jurisdiction over the federal employees program.

But he said in an e-mail to AP that the division has asked GEHA to review its procedures so Erica can be treated at Renown. He said a representative of Gov. Jim Gibbons' office has made a similar request.

"The company is in the process of reviewing the situation on a priority basis and will let us know as soon as they make a determination," Mouradian said.

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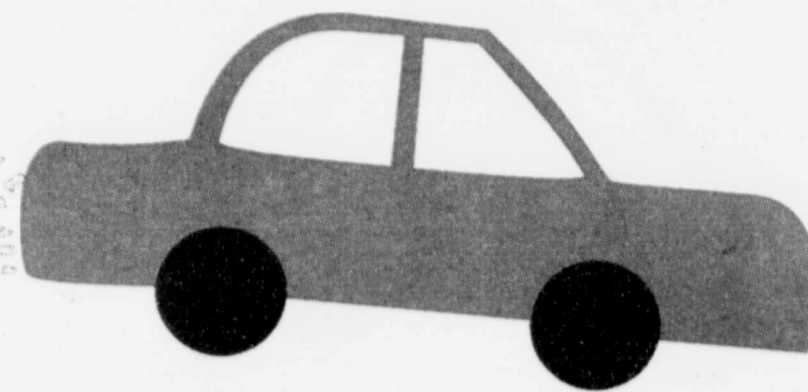
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Children's novel comes to life on stage



Jennifer Titcomb
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What happens when the King Mathemagician and King Azaz go head-to-head and banish Princess Rhyme and Princess Reason from the Land of Wisdom? A topsy turvy imaginary world is created full of puns and quirky characters like Whetherman, Dodecahedrons and Decibellels in Cal Poly's theatre and dance department production of "The Phantom Tollbooth."

The musical, opening this week, is brought to the stage as an adaption of Norton Juster's popular children's adventure book "The Phantom Tollbooth."

The story begins with a bored and unmotivated boy named Milo who gets a surprise visit from a magical car and tollbooth that transports him to another world where he must rescue Princess Rhyme and Princess Reason and bring them back to the Land of Wisdom.

"It's centered around language and science and math and how they work together," said graphic communications sophomore Aubrea Felch. "I kind of see it as the battle of the two colleges: Science and math and liberal arts."

Felch plays a watchdog named Tock who not so coincidentally wears a clock.

The script is sprinkled with many play on words. "The

puns in the story are just hilarious," theatre junior Rocky Jarman said.

The double meanings are apparent with characters like the Giant Midget and fictional cities named Dictionopolis and Digitopolis.

The cast consists of five men and five women who play 50 characters total. While only two actors play the same role throughout the entire musical the eight others are constantly making quick transformations.

"The hardest part of playing several different characters is making sure they each are very specific and different from one another and believable," Jarman said.

Distinguishing between the characters takes practice, she said, but gets easier with more experience and training.

"A lot of the theatre classes here help to find each of those parts of the performance and make it easier," Jarman said. Some of the classes include focus on movement, voice and diction and different aspects of acting.

Because the musical is staged in the three quarter round, audience members are seated in chairs and risers on the stage, and actors must be aware of their entire body's movements.

"In life you don't always see people being presentational in everything they do. You see a conversation, you may see the back of someone and the face of someone and I think

that is interesting," said director and communication studies and theatre and dance lecturer Erma Stauffer.

"One of my thoughts in doing it on stage in the three quarter round is that there wasn't such a strict division in actors and audience that the whole area is play space," she said. "I think it makes you feel more involved in it."

The musical is one of the first large productions in years for Cal Poly. Stauffer explained that musicals are rarer because they are more expensive, take more time to rehearse and require collaboration with a music director.

However, Stauffer felt a musical was necessary to give the students experience because for theatre graduates most of the jobs in the real world are in musicals. She also thought it was time for a pick-me-up performance.

"We are in a difficult time in this country and in the world with the economic crisis with sort of some uncertainty," she said. "In some ways this show is a great antidote to not feeling super happy about things because it is really upbeat, it is great fun; simple adventure."

Performances will be held at 7 p.m. May 14 to 16 and May 20 to 22 in Spanos Theatre. Special matinee performances start at 2 p.m. May 16 to 17 in Spanos Theatre. Because of the stage design there is limited seating. Tickets can be purchased at the Performing Arts Center box office for \$14.

Poly favorite Tyrone Wells comes back to SLO



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Emilie Egger
MUSTANG DAILY

After building a strong following at Cal Poly through several campus concerts, campus favorite and pop-rock artist Tyrone Wells hopes for his dedicated fans to turn out Monday night when he returns to San Luis Obispo to play tracks off his new album "Remain."

Wells' first trip to the area was to play a Cal Poly University Union hour concert three years ago. Ever since then, his campus fan base has grown enough to perform at a larger venue.

"I think we were just surprised to see the kind of turn out that we had," Wells said, of his first few

shows. "We just decided we definitely have people that know the music so we need to come out and play a real show."

Wells, who has appeared on television shows like "One Tree Hill" and "Wildfire" and played for several movie soundtracks, counts college students as one of his most popular demographics as well as one of his favorite groups to play for. The majority of his shows are played at university and college campuses around the country.

"It's one of my favorite gigs to pull up to a new college and play," he said. "I think your college years are where you really start exploring different types of music fall in love. We meet a lot of people that become fans and end up passing

our music around and that's good for us."

Wells' Downtown Brew appearance will be his first time playing in San Luis Obispo at a venue other than Cal Poly. Still, he hopes that his Cal Poly fans will be among the audience.

"We're excited to play in San Luis Obispo because we know we have fans there but because maybe we'll run into some new people that haven't heard the music, too."

Wells was born and raised in Spokane, Wash., before moving to California for college. He says that many of his influences come from church, where he grew up with his father as a preacher. However, he says that lately his influences come from just about everywhere.

"I grew up listening to gospel, and stuff that's kind of R&B influenced, soulful gospel stuff is kind of what I was gravitating toward ... as long as it has soul and vulnerability, I typically like it," Wells said.

Wells said that his everyday experiences are the ones usually documented in his work.

"I just write whatever I'm feeling at the time or thinking about or considering, those things find their way into the songs," he added.

Wells' broad range of influences shows up in his music, which includes elements of pop, rock, R&B and folk. His fans say that this is what makes him accessible to so

many types of fans.

"(Wells) has a broad appeal," said music senior and Associated Students Incorporated events student manager Mike Annuzzi.

Annuzzi explained that Wells' Cal Poly performances have made him score among the highest on surveys asking who students want to return to campus.

"He appeals to a large demographic both age and musical influence or taste, interest, that kind of thing too," he said.

Annuzzi, who has built a friendship with Wells and his band over the course of their performances at Cal Poly will perform with own his band Avanti to open the show Monday night. The band, consisting of six members, all of whom attend or have graduated from Cal Poly, plans to release its first album this summer. Wells says he's excited to play with the band, most of whom are students at Cal Poly.

"I just hope that we have a good turn out from both the college and community and I'm just excited to share the music with whoever shows up."

The Tyrone Wells and Avanti show is May 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Downtown Brew. Tickets for the all-ages show are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. They are available at ticketweb.com and Boo Boo Records.

Ashley Ciullo contributed to this report.

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beer column

Hurray for Foret

You're probably asking yourself, "How did this guy become a Mustang Daily beer critic?"

It's not because I drink more beer than you. While I have quite a healthy beer belly, I tend not to binge drink because frankly, it's too expensive with the kind of beers I enjoy.

In fact, if you're reading this and think you know more about beer than me, you probably do.

I'm not a sophisticated drinker either, at least not in the terms that you might read from old school beer critics. I won't tell you that a beer has a "hazy oakwood texture to it" because really, what the hell is that?

So the bottom line is, I guess I'm just lucky.

So lucky in fact that last weekend I got my hands on a bottle of Foret saison ale from Brasserie

Dupont in Belgium.

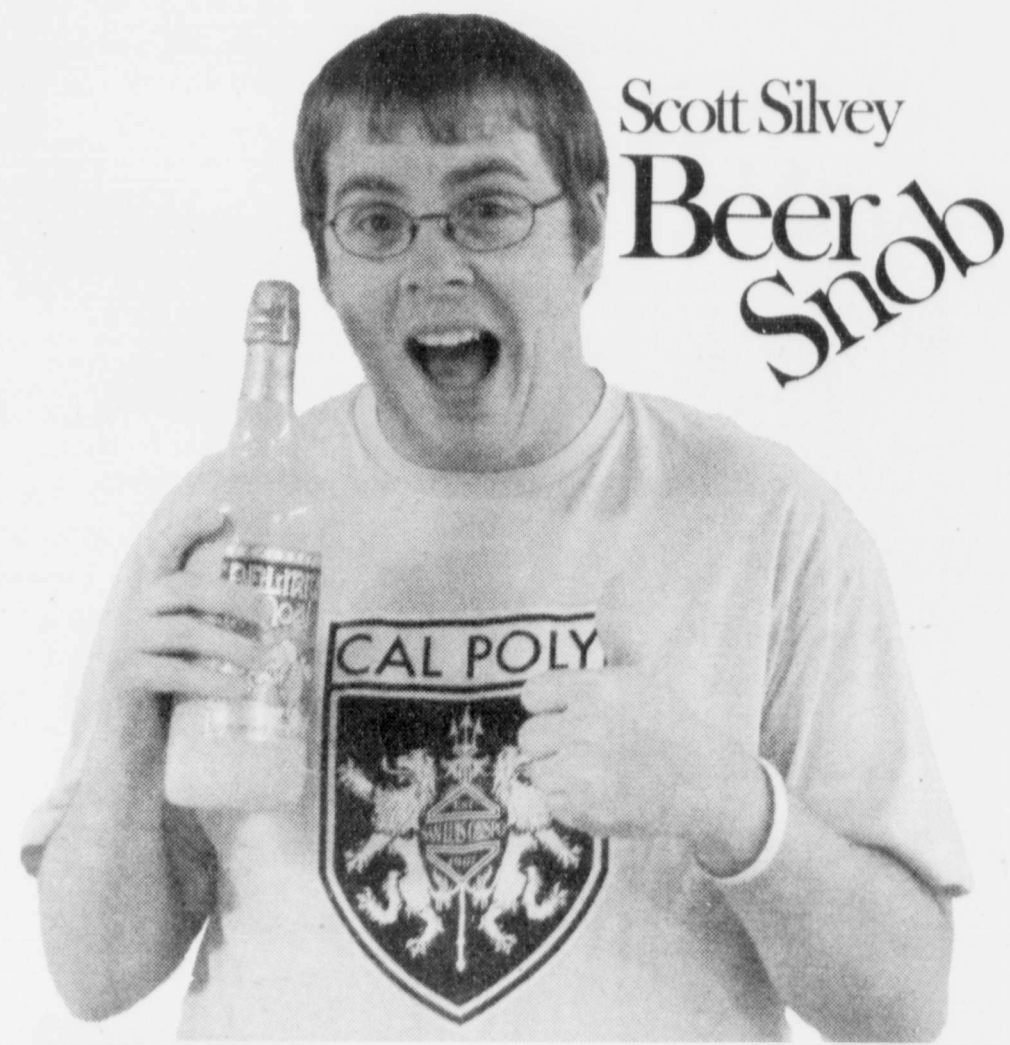
Saison ales originated in France where they were created as refreshment for farmers working in the warm summer months. Traditionally, a saison, or farmhouse ale, would have very low alcohol percentages. It was the Coca-Cola of the day. People didn't drink a saison ale to get plastered, they drank it to cool down in the heat.

Saison translated from French to English means 'season'. It was seasonal in the strictest sense because there was no modern refrigeration. It was brewed in the autumn or winter for consumption in the summer. If it wasn't all gone by the end of summer, it was bad. Because of saison's short life span, many farmers were allowed up to five liters a day. Could you imagine drinking five liters of beer a day?

Me neither.

Luckily for us, saisons and Foret specifically have a higher concentration of alcohol than they used to. Foret is 7.5 percent, roughly 20 percent increase from most standard beers. There's no need to drink five liters of this delicious brew.

Like many farmhouse ales, it pours a distinct straw color; I had heard that saisons have a big head but the glasses I poured were very minimal. It had a slight citrus scent with a tinge of spiciness — the Belgians know how to spice their



Scott Silvey
Beer
Snob



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beers. There wasn't a lot of sediment like I normally see in Belgian beer, but there aren't many saison brews readily available here so I wasn't sure what to expect.

It had a very light and crisp citrus flavor to me. It was very enjoyable on a warm weekend afternoon. My roommate who also had a glass remarked that it went down smooth and didn't have the harsh aftertaste of most beers.

Foret claims to be a wholly organic beer, one of the few in the world to make that claim, and nature is what it reminds me of.

It's the kind of beer that should be enjoyed after a long day of ar-

duous work, or after a nice hike. It's the reward for a job well done.

With the warm days of summer approaching, Foret is the kind of brew to come home from work and relax to.

Saisons are probably not for everyone. It's more of a refreshing drink than a 'Let's get drunk' kind of drink. It also has more of a citrus taste than people might expect from a beer. But trust me, it's not Smirnoff Ice. It's a beer, with a citrus feel, and it's very good.

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Future entrepreneurs: take risks, seize opportunities while you're young

America has always been a country of entrepreneurs, at least in theory. It is, after all, here that the Henry Fords, John D. Rockefellers, Sam Waltons, Steve Jobs and Bill Gates of the world built their empires. Rockefeller transformed the petroleum industry, Ford revolutionized manufacturing, Walton's stores sell consumer products at prices few can beat and Gates and Jobs forever changed the world of personal computing. Each created something where there was nothing before, and made millions in turn, profiting from the innovations which changed our very way of life.

It's this personification of the American Dream that fascinated me even as a young girl, long before I moved to the States with my family at age 11. Ten years later, I'm still enchanted by the entrepreneurial spirit that, although by no means unique to the United States, truly is the hallmark of what was (perhaps until recently) the most free market country in the world.

I was reminded again of this the other day as I met up for coffee with one of the brightest young entrepreneurs I know. Brian Riley, a Cal Poly business administration senior, is one of those rare people that you talk to for an hour one day and feel better about the future of the world for the rest of the week.

At just 21 years old, Brian recently co-founded Conceptualized Engineering, Ltd. along with Andrew Ouellet, a mechanical engineering junior. When he partnered with Brian, Andrew's invention — an anti-lock system for bike brakes — took first place in Cal Poly's Ray Scherr Business Plan competition this year. Brian is taking this quarter off of school so he can nurture the fledgling company and the two are working on licensing and taking their product to market. If their venture succeeds, the two young entrepreneurs not only stand to make a lot of money, but also to literally revolutionize the biking market; their invention could prevent thousands of the most common biking accidents that occur around the world every year.

The first time Brian and I met, at your run-of-the-mill college keg party — and while the rest of our fellow party goers idly talked about the usual things one talks about at a party — the two of us chatted about the economy. Despite the few beers in each of us, it was one of the most intellectual conversations I'd had in a while. I was impressed. As I got to know him better, I was even more impressed. The guy's a wealth of knowledge on anything from short selling shares to behavioral economics. His bookshelf is overflowing with business and how-to books. He dines out with some of California's most successful businessmen and women and always seems to



Business as Usual

by
Marlice van Romburgh

be taking off to some kind of business seminar or conference. In other words, he's got entrepreneur written all over him.

Wanting to catch some words of wisdom from him before he jetted off for yet another business meeting, I turned my voice recorder on when I recently met up with him and asked him to share some advice for his fellow Cal Poly students.

He believes that entrepreneurship is an "engrained" personality trait, but that many people don't choose to nurture it. "Even when I was a little kid, I was always fascinated when I heard people talk about business. I heard people talk about starting up new ventures, and I was there, I wanted to hear about it."

When he was in junior high, he asked his mom if, instead of doing chores to earn his weekly allowance, he could figure out a way to make money on his own. In sixth grade, he took a Web design class at Sacramento State and created a basketball Web site that earned money from pay-per-click advertising. In high school, he taught himself video editing and made wedding and other movies for money.

"By the time I got to college, I kind of knew that I had something in me that wanted to be entrepreneurial — I knew I wanted to do my own thing," he said.

At Cal Poly, Brian joined Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), a nonprofit organization that connects students and business leaders to educate others on economics and business through outreach projects.

"That gave me the infrastructure; it made me realize that I could work with other people around me and build teams," he said.

"It also gave me the confidence that I could do this in school. A lot of people think that they can be entrepreneurs but that they have to get a job first and go work somewhere for a while and then do it later. But I wanted to do it while I was young," he added.

"If you go for it while you're young, you really have nothing to lose. If you go bankrupt, you're going to lose your iPod and your mountain bike and your pair of speakers. You're not going to lose your job and your wife and your house."

I've met other people like Brian before, but they're few and far between. Not very many people have the smarts and the courage it takes to go their own way, to break out of the security of a stable career path and to venture out into the rocky, winding road of entrepreneurship, where both risks and rewards lie waiting around every bend. As Brian joked, "If anybody could be an entrepreneur, who would work for people like me?"

But as I've learned from Brian and the rare others like him that I've had the opportunity to befriend, there are entrepreneurial characteristics in all of us. The difference is that people like him choose to nurture those traits. He understands, too, that the education he needs for his future, won't come pre-written for him in a textbook; uncharted territory by definition has no map.

"You can teach yourself anything," he said. "Read as much as you can. Be interested in a lot of things. Soak it all in."

"A lot of people know they have it in them, and it just takes a couple of steps and a couple of events to make it happen," he continued. "Some of the best advice someone gave me once is 'just show up.' If you hear about something that you think may present an opportunity, show up and check it out."

Entrepreneurs look for opportunities in life. They see a problem and they think of a way to solve it. If they're successful, they stand to make soaring profits. If they fail, they lose everything they've invested in their project. It's persistence and resilience that makes them bounce back after a failure and try again.

British entrepreneur Richard Branson, founder of the Virgin empire (which encompasses everything from Virgin Records to Virgin Airlines to Virgin Cola), has always been one of my entrepreneur-heroes. He takes risks like it's nobody's business, jumping from one industry to the next; a record label one minute, space travel the next. I'm sure Branson would agree with Brian when he says, "My opportunity radar is always on."

Take the time to network with your peers in college. Seek out the best of them — the future Martha Stewarts or Warren Buffets — and take him or her out to coffee. Even if you learn nothing, their unbridled optimism may just spark your own entrepreneurial spirits.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Daily's lack of candidate endorsement uninspired

I was looking forward to seeing who the Mustang Daily staff would support this year. When I read this article, I felt offended as a Cal Poly student. For a newspaper that represents the vitality of the student body, the Mustang Daily couldn't have portrayed a more dead spirit by showing support to none of the candidates. All positive aspects of every candidate are immediately negated in your discussion. Ironically, two letters

to the editor are listed directly below in obvious support of Alvarez. If you did not want to support anyone for lack of "sparkle," please refrain from depicting such a negative authority on an important issue that leaves readers asking, "why bother?"

Maleesa Suksiri
architecture sophomore

Sex column welcomes wider group of readers

In response to Ryan Moriarty's

letter to the editor: The new sex column is a welcome addition to the paper, and I, as well as many others, have enjoyed reading it for the past few weeks. The column is not an attempt to meet some "gay quota," but rather a way for the campus' LGBT community to feel acknowledged and represented at this school.

Perhaps you believe that "not even a fraction of a percent" of Cal Poly students are gay because many on our campus do not foster a community of respect, tolerance,

and acceptance for the LGBT community which would help them feel more comfortable and welcome. I am also disappointed in the diminutive and dismissive way in which you refer to the LGBT community throughout your letter, most notably by your use of quotations marks and the word "gay" as representative of all people who aren't exclusively heterosexual.

Mary Vause
English senior

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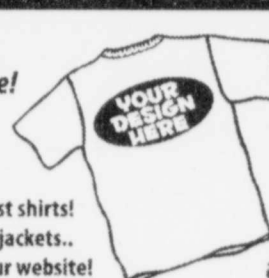
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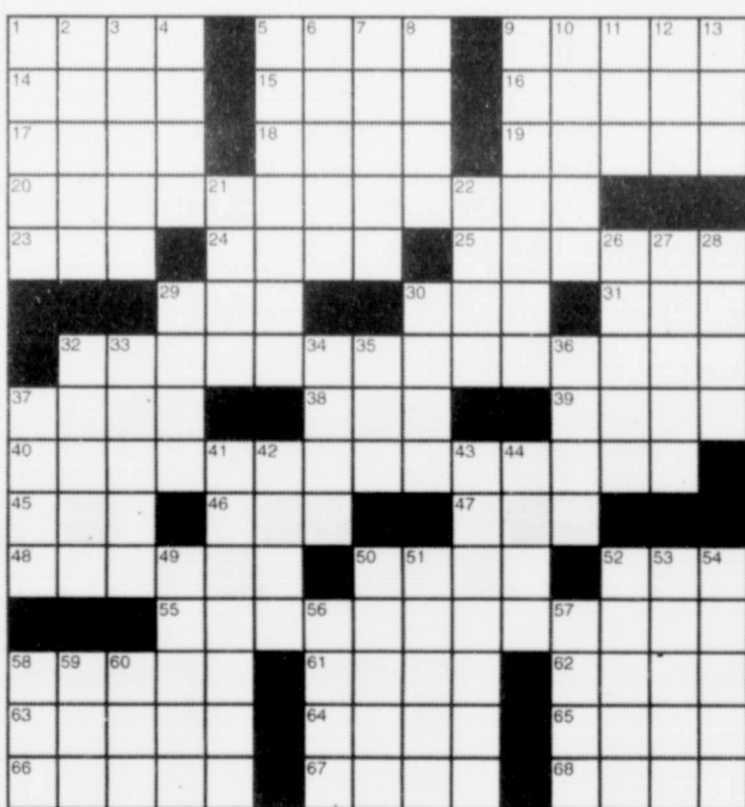
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- 23 Cunning
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- 25 Riddle
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- 31 ____ Luthor of "Superman"
- 32 Withholding nothing
- 37 Jazz's Fitzgerald
- 38 October 31 shout
- 39 Luau garlands
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- 3 Strong bond
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- 7 Nearsighted Mr. of cartoons
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Rockets beat Lakers without Yao, even series

Chris Duncan
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HOUSTON (AP) — With Yao Ming out, the Houston Rockets had no chance to beat the Los Angeles Lakers. Right?

Wrong.
Aaron Brooks scored a career-high 34, Shane Battier sank five 3-pointers and added 23 and the Rockets beat the Lakers 99-87 on Sunday to even their Western Conference semifinal at two games apiece.

"I think everyone but us got the memo that we weren't supposed to show up today without Yao," Battier said.

Luis Scola had 11 points and 14 rebounds as the Rockets got exactly the team effort they needed after Yao broke his left foot in the Lakers' win in Game 3.

Game 5 is Tuesday night in Los Angeles, and anyone who thought the Rockets were finished without their best player only needed to watch the first quarter on Sunday, when Houston built a 29-16 lead.

The Rockets never trailed and led by as many as 29 before the Lakers made the score respectable toward the end.

"I'm not surprised," said Battier. "It almost sounds cliché, but we're a resilient group. We talk about bouncing back. Through adversity, through lineup changes, through trades, through injuries, we've never quit and we've never stopped believing."

Brooks, in his second NBA season, became Houston's starting point guard when the team dealt Rafer Alston to Orlando at the trade deadline.

He faced countless questions about his inexperience before the postseason began, but keeps showing skeptics that he can handle the job. He scored 27 points in Houston's Game 1 win in Portland and had 14 points in the second half of the Rockets' 100-92 victory in the opener of this series.

Brooks deflected credit to his teammates after this one.

"I'm lucky to have these guys," he said. "It makes it a lot easier on me."

Pau Gasol scored 30 points and Kobe Bryant had a quiet 15 for Los Angeles.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson warned his team about taking the Rockets too lightly after hearing about Yao's injury. But the Lakers looked lethargic from the start, giving away careless turnovers and playing lax defense.

"They didn't anticipate the energy that they were going to come with," Jackson said. "But you say as much as you can as a coach and then the players have to execute and do it on the floor."

The Rockets opened the game with a 22-7 run, starting 4-of-5 from 3-point range. Bryant scored the Lakers' first three baskets, but the rest of the team missed its first seven shots.

Houston led 54-36 at the break. The Lakers grabbed only two offen-

sive rebounds and generated only four fast-break points in their lowest-scoring half of the season. Battier had 15 points at halftime, two more than Bryant.

"I just don't think we started the game with the right energy or the right focus or sense of urgency," Bryant said.

Los Angeles didn't start the second half too well, either.

The Rockets outscored Los Angeles 29-18 in the decisive third quarter, led by Brooks' 17 points. The speedy, 6-foot guard finished the quarter by catching a midcourt pass by Ron Artest and putting in a layup just before the buzzer.

Yao, dressed in a dark suit, wore a broad grin and applauded when Brooks sprinted off the floor after the improbable basket.

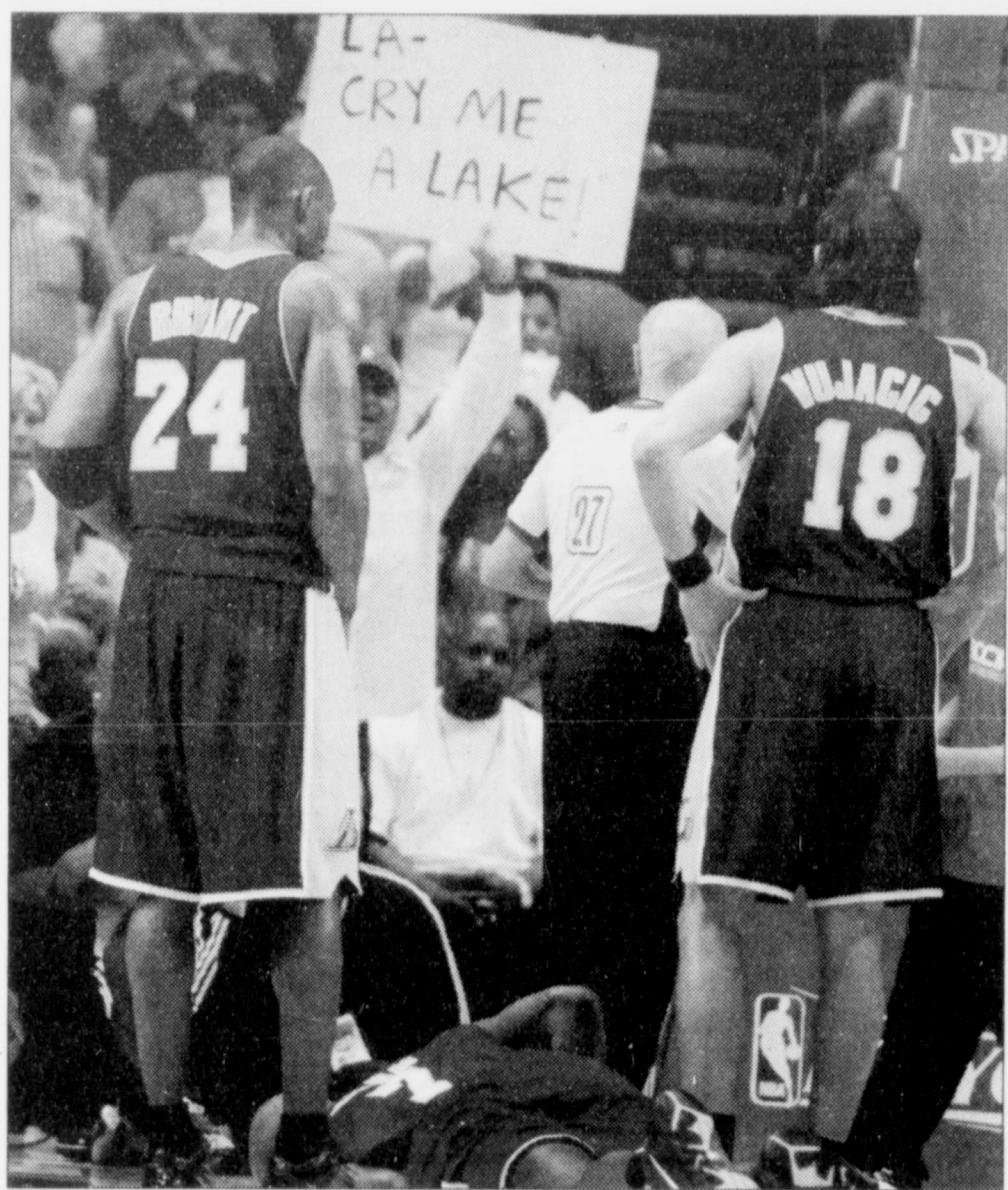
The 7-foot-6 Yao is out for the rest of the playoffs, but the Rockets never doubted they could beat the Lakers without him.

"This was the effort we expected," said Battier. "I don't know about the result, but it was the effort that we expected. There was a different look to our team today."

Lamar Odom, who scored 16 points in Game 3, drove into Battier and was called for a charge midway through the quarter. He hit the floor hard, limped to the bench and went to the locker room with back spasms. He did not return.

Odom will have tests on Monday and said he'll sit out practice.

The Rockets led by 27 when Odom was hurt, and when Brooks



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Lakers guards Kobe Bryant and Sasha Vujacic look on as teammate Lamar Odom lies on the floor in pain during Sunday's 99-87 loss to Houston.

completed the last-second alley-oop, Artest smacked his hands on the scorers' table and smiled to the roaring crowd, in seeming disbelief about how things were going.

Artest scored only eight points, but had 10 rebounds and six assists.

Bryant returned from a long rest with 5:41 left in the game and the Lakers cut the deficit to 10. But it was too late by then and Brooks fittingly scored Houston's last two points on free throws in the final minute.

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has somehow managed to get the Dodgers to pay him \$9 million a year for his limited skills.

Pierre didn't want to talk much about Ramirez the other night, and it's hard to blame him. Here's a guy who has had to fight for everything he's gotten, yet seemed destined for a season on the bench while a cheater with far more talent than he could ever imagine played in front of him.

There's a lot of guys like that in baseball. Like Pierre, though, they have all stayed strangely quiet even as players around them kept getting bigger and began hitting the ball farther than ever. They're the ones who have to compete on an uneven playing field, yet somehow the unwritten code of the clubhouse forbids them from speaking out against the juicers.

Steroids have ensnared some of the biggest names in baseball, yet the silence is still deafening. There's more than 100 more names that might never be released, but if the fans can point to some likely suspects you can bet the players know even more. They've seen how others can get better through chemicals, and they know why certain players began struggling about the same time baseball got serious about testing.

Yet they say nothing.
A-Rod came back Friday night for the first time since he admitted using banned drugs and not only was the welcome mat out in the Yankee clubhouse, but on the opposing mound, too.

"What a hitter. What a player,"

gushed Orioles pitcher Jeremy Guthrie.

What a crock.

You don't have to believe anything in the book that came out on A-Rod earlier in the week to have doubts about his account of when he was juiced and when he wasn't. For all we know he may have a cousin somewhere supplying him human growth hormone to help his recovery from hip surgery.

Same thing with Manny. His excuse of a personal medical problem forcing him to take a female fertility drug fell somewhere in between "I was young and immature" and "I'd rather not talk about the past."

A-Rod was trying his best to remain contrite in his return, telling reporters he's made a lot of mistakes and everyone knows about them. The new spin is that he's revealed all and paid the price for doing so.

But has he? Maybe I missed something, but last I heard the Yankees still plan to pay him some \$250 million over the next nine years to play baseball for them. For that kind of money he can buy a new reputation, not that he needs one to win over any Yankee fans.

Unfortunately, as long as Rodriguez keeps hitting home runs he'll be cheered in the Bronx. The same goes for Ramirez in Los Angeles, where on Saturday two kids who couldn't have been older than 10 sat in a front row at Dodger Stadium wearing fake dreadlocks.

They were probably too young to know much about steroids or the reason their hero wasn't in the ballpark. But there is one thing they surely did know.

They weren't there to see Juan Pierre.

Tim Dahlberg is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press.

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earned runs. Radeke struck out five batters as well.

"I feel great," Radeke said after the game. "I've got a little rubber arm and I'm tired, mainly because this game was mentally exhausting."

The Titans got off to a quick start at the top of the first inning with a double to right-center from sophomore shortstop Christian Colon. After stealing third base, Colon scored on a ground-out to second base, which was hit by junior center fielder Josh Fellhauer.

The Mustangs, who faced freshman starting pitcher Tyler Pill, tied up the game in their first appearance at the plate. Junior right fielder Adam Melker hit a lead-off single to right-center. Melker subsequently stole second, tagged up to third on a Ryan Lee

sacrifice fly and advanced home on a passed ball.

The Mustangs increased their lead to 4-1 in the fourth inning. Junior shortstop Kyle Smith drove in junior left fielder Luke Yoder and sophomore designated hitter DJ. Gentile with a double down the left field line. Smith scored on a ground out by freshman outfielder Bobby Crocker, who was pinch hitting for freshman catcher Jordan Hadlock.

Junior first-baseman Wes Dorrell had a big game for the Mustangs. In the bottom of the third inning, Dorrell hit a triple to right-center. He attempted to turn it into an inside-the-park home run, but was barely thrown out at home plate. In the bottom of the fifth inning, Dorrell hit a solo bomb to right field, increasing the Mustangs' lead to 5-2.

Dorrell hit a crucial double to left center in the bottom of a seventh inning that added two more runs to the Mustangs' lead. Dorrell ended up going 3-4 on the

day and was a single shy of batting for the cycle. He improved his batting average to .340 this year.

"Today we had every facet working for us," Dorrell said after the game. "We had pitching, defense. We hit well today and that's huge especially this late in the season."

Junior shortstop Kyle Smith added three hits and drove in three for Cal Poly.

The Mustangs are now in third place in the Big West behind the Titans and UC Irvine, with a record of 33-15, and 11-7 in the Big West. They will host Pepperdine on Tuesday night. The Wave beat Cal Poly 16-6 earlier this season.

"To pick up today's win was real good for us and I think it will really help our self confidence," Lee said. "It's such a grind, playing 56 games, and with so many games you don't want to get too high or too low, you just want to stay even keel."

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Nunno comes from behind to win decathlon

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Cal Poly senior James Nunno rallied from fourth place at the end of Friday's session to win the decathlon at the Big West Conference Multi-Event Championships hosted by UC Irvine on Saturday.

Sitting in fourth place and trailing Cal State Northridge's Robert Robinson by 183 points, Nunno capitalized with a 16-foot, 4 3/4-inch clearance in the pole vault to get within striking distance.

Nunno won with a new personal-best, 7,208 points. Cal Poly sophomore Corbin Duer finished

second with 7,135, also a personal best.

Nunno's comeback was almost halted by a groin injury that forced him to take just one throw at the javelin.

Duer led by 53 points heading into the 1,500. Nunno needed to finish ahead of Duer by 7 seconds or more to take the title.

As the race began, Nunno came out fast.

"I was yelling from across the lap, 'Slow down!'" Cal Poly's multi-event coach Jack Hoyt said in a release. "I think once he came around the first lap and heard the announce-

er he realized and slowed up a bit."

Nunno would slow down, but not until notching a new personal-best 4:32.57, over 20 seconds ahead of Duer. During the race, Nunno had splits of 28 seconds at the first 200 and 62 seconds for the first lap.

"I knew I could take the pace out pretty hard," Nunno said. "I actually got boxed in out of the start for the first 100 and then just tried to separate myself. After that, I just tried to hold on and dug deep in the final 300 meters to find that other gear."

Saturday's victory is the second championship for Nunno. He won

the title in 2007 and had aspirations for another in 2008 before a pole vaulting accident left him with a ruptured spleen. Nunno had his spleen removed and lost three pints of blood after his pole snapped during practice and struck him in the abdomen.

"When I crossed the line in the 1,500, it was just unexplainable. I've never had an emotional reaction to an athletic competition like that," Nunno said. "There were so many times when I felt it could be out of reach, but I knew I had to keep striving for it. I just knew I couldn't give up."

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Mustangs win Big West, ready for Stanford regional

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Needing a win to clinch the Big West title, the Cal Poly softball team (39-10, 18-3 Big West Conference) wasted little time grasping the championship with a decisive victory over UC Riverside on Saturday afternoon at Amy Harrison Field.

Sophomore Anna Cahn picked up her Cal Poly-record 27th win, facing just three batters over the minimum.

She also helped her own cause, driving in a career-high five runs including a three-run homer in the fourth inning.

Senior outfielder Jenna Maiden, one of five Mustangs playing in their regular season finales, drove in two runs while scoring three times.

Cal Poly got word on Sunday evening that they would be playing in the Stanford Regional. Its first game will be against Nevada at 3 p.m. Friday. The Mustangs defeated the Wolfpack 1-0 on March 1.

In the regions other matchup, Stanford will host Portland State.

The Mustangs and Cardinal have competed twice this season with Stanford winning two one-run ballgames.

The regional will be contested in a double elimination format making it likely that the two teams will meet again.

This year marks the second post-season appearance for Cal Poly, who dropped games to BYU and Southern Utah after winning the Big West championship in 2007.



KRISTEN HAYS MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO
Cal Poly senior second baseman Stephanie Tam slides in safely at home against Pacific. The Mustangs clinched the Big West title on Saturday.

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Mustangs rebound to beat Titans



NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY
Cal Poly junior outfielder Adam Melker slides safely into home during the Mustangs' 7-4 victory over Cal State Fullerton on Sunday.

Chris Jagger
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly avoided being swept by Cal State Fullerton with a decisive 7-4 victory Sunday afternoon.

This series was immensely important for both the Mustangs and the Titans, who are battling for the top spot in the Big West Conference as well as playoff berths. As of last Tuesday the teams were tied for second in the Big West Conference with records of 32-12.

The Titans clinched the pivotal series with 8-4 and 7-3 victories over the Mustangs on Friday and Saturday nights. However, the Mustangs were focused and energized on Sunday, playing in front of a crowd of 1,778 at Baggett Stadium.

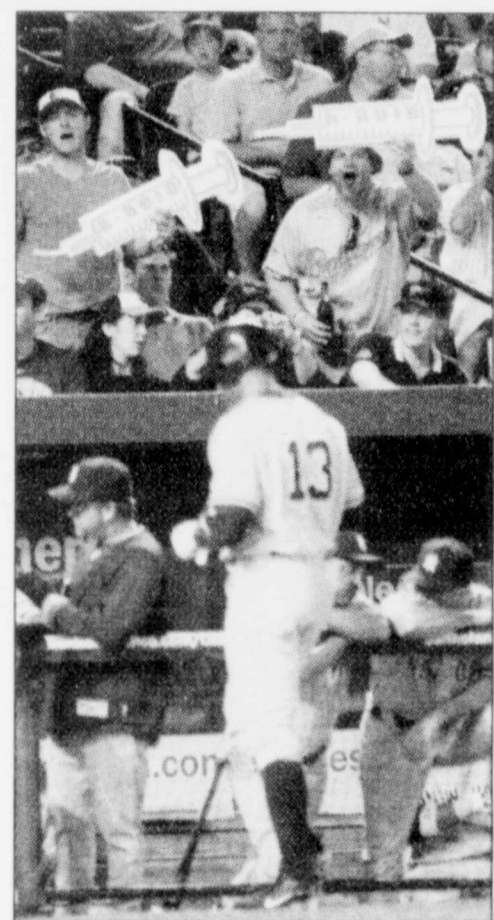
"It's easy to lose your confidence when you're playing great teams," head coach Larry Lee said. "Fullerton doesn't lose many ballgames during the course of they year. They can easily win 16 straight against anyone in the country. Our guys need to know that and be proud of what they accomplished today."

Picking up the win on the mound for Cal Poly was freshman right-hander Mason Radeke. Radeke (5-1) had a long outing, battling through 130 pitches in eight innings. Lee said that it was the longest he had ever kept the freshman in.

The hard-earned innings brought positive results. The Titans scattered nine hits against Radeke on the day, tallying four

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Baseball remains an uneven playing field



ASSOCIATED PRESS
New York's Alex Rodriguez is heckled by fans in his return to baseball. Rodriguez homered in his first at-bat this season.

Tim Dahlberg
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The new rules for Manny Ramirez read like something out of the Wild West, which is somehow appropriate since baseball doesn't get played much farther west than Dodger Stadium. Instead of having to be out of town by sundown, Ramirez must be out of uniform by the time paying customers begin making their way into the seats once known as Mannywood.

Baseball has its own peculiar way of dealing with its outlaws, though it's likely Ramirez will miss the \$7.7 million he'll be docked in salary more than he will the privilege of wearing Dodger blue every night.

The Dodgers, on the other hand, will surely miss him. So will the fans who shelled out good money for bad dreadlocks and bought No. 99 jerseys by the armful.

Ramirez will return well rested on July 3 to the welcoming arms of his teammates and the cheers of fans. Knowing his flair for the dramatic, he just might hit a home run on the first pitch offered up to him as Alex Rodriguez so famously did Friday night in Baltimore.

In the meantime the Dodgers must get by with the ultimate anti-juicer, a scrawny outfielder with so little power that Joe Torre has taken to batting him in the pitcher's spot. The last time Juan Pierre was this close to a steroid scandal he was appearing before kids urging them not to cheat at the same time Barry Bonds was at Dodger Stadium stalking the home run record.

Pierre doesn't throw well, struggles to get the ball out of the infield and has hit only 13 home runs in 10 years. But he treats every at bat like it's his last, can steal a base and

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